

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005. Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 23, 25, 27, 29, 31-33, 35-36, and 41-43 are currently pending in this application, with claims 23, 36 and 43 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Telephone conversation

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Opie for the courtesy of the telephone interview of December 2, 2005. The claims have been amended in accordance with the telephone interview.

In particular, while not conceding the propriety of this rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, the features of claim 34 have been wholly incorporated into claim 23 to form amended claim 23. In addition, independent claims 36 and 43 have been also amended.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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